

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 27 of the Specification as follows:

The above method of bonding the ePTFE layers to the stent is desirable because the inner covering 120 and outer covering 112 unite, and because no adhesives are required in the assembly process. Any other methods of securing ePTFE to the stent that are known in the art may be utilized, including any of the techniques disclosed in US 6514283, US ~~6451047~~ 6451047 and US 6139573.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 28 of the Specification as follows:

The inventive stent may ~~are~~ be delivered on a catheter. The nature of the catheter will depend on whether the stent is balloon expandable or self-expanding.